

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2432 - SB 2517

February 21, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Allows the Commissioner of Education to authorize up to 16 school systems to operate as alternative education programs which emphasize on school-based decision making. Current law authorizes up to eight school systems to operate such programs.
- Raises the maximum amount of the individual grants to be awarded for these programs from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – State grants in amounts up to \$800,000 may be awarded by the Commissioner of Education to school systems.

Estimate assumes:

- Any grant funds given to local education agencies (LEAs) to operate alternative education programs would translate into an increase in local government revenues and expenditures of the same amount as awarded to them by the Department of Education.
- According to the Department of Education, this initiative has never been funded and no grants have been awarded under the current law.
- Eight additional schools could receive grants up to \$75,000 each and eight systems currently eligible for grants up to \$50,000 would now be eligible for grants up to \$75,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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